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Dr Sir

I returned here the last evening from Naples, and have had the pleasure to receive yours of the 22.d ultimo; inclosing me two letters from London & three from America, for which I sincerely thank you: Any letters, which in future shall come addressd to your care, I request you will have sent to my Bankers messrs Boyd & Ker's who will forward them to me being always acquainted with my motions? Mr Short and myself think of leaving Rome in two or three weeks & shall continue together until we arrive at Bourdeaux, from which place I have some thoughts of embarking for Spain; it is what I have not absolutely determined on; & in the event of my giving up the Spanish expedition, I shall go on with Mr S. to Paris: I have many reasons for wishing to do so, the strongest & principal one is, that it will give me an opportunity of once more taking you

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you by the hand before you depart for America; reassuring you in person, of my friendship & esteem; in the interim I entreat that you will be persuaded of them & believe me to be, my dear Sir, with the most unalterable sentiments of attachment

Your friend & very much obliged Servant

Rutledge Junior

His Excellency

Mr Jefferson